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since 2009, few gains
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► After years of poor performance, the Department of Education closed JHS 258 in Bedford-Stuyvesant in 2009. A charter school now operates there.

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Stores plan to lose big from theft

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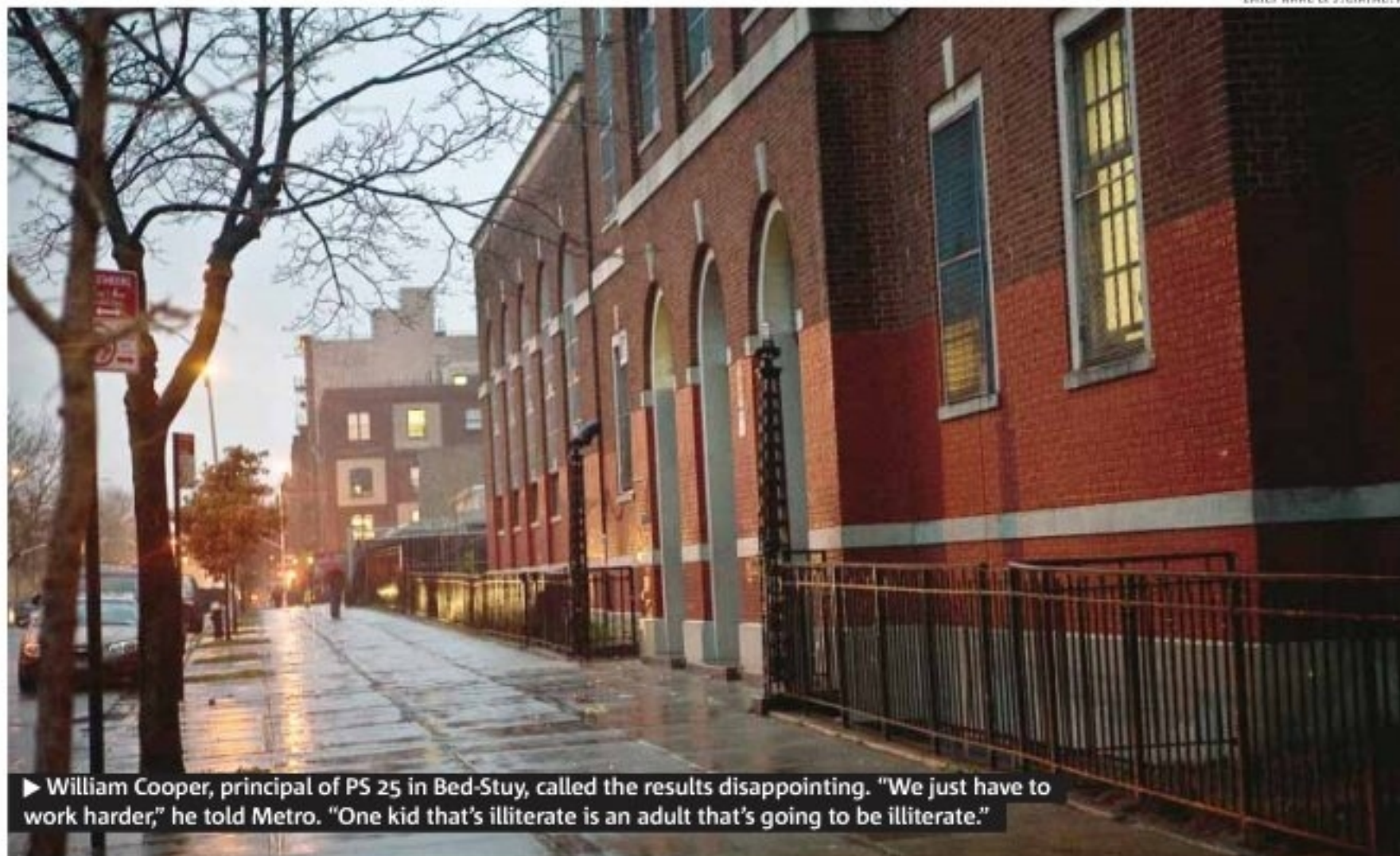
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Most test scores idle at city schools

► Nearly 10 years after mayor took over schools, some grades showing little improvement ► Just a quarter of eighth graders at proficient levels

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► William Cooper, principal of PS 25 in Bed-Stuy, called the results disappointing. "We just have to work harder," he told Metro. "One kid that's illiterate is an adult that's going to be illiterate."

Smarter than an eighth grader?

Two math questions asked of eighth graders on the NAEP exam this year:

► Last week Maureen earned \$288.00 (before taxes) for working 40 hours. This week Maureen worked 29 hours at the same rate of pay. How much did Maureen earn (before taxes) this week?

- A: \$72.00
- B: \$72.50
- C: \$203.00
- D: \$208.80
- E: \$397.24

► What is the radius of the largest circle that can be drawn on a 36-by-36-inch square piece of poster board?

- A: 3 inches
- B: 6 inches
- C: 9 inches
- D: 18 inches
- E: 36 inches

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In the news

Items tied to missing woman

Cops reportedly found the wallet, jeans and cell phone of missing woman Shannan Gilbert on Tuesday as they searched beaches where the suspected Long Island serial killer buried his victims. The New York Post reported last night that cops also found her purse. ● METRO/AB

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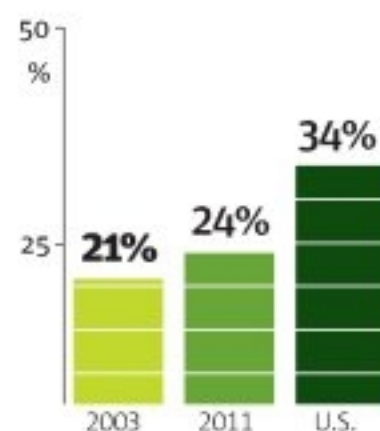
Test scores for eighth graders in math and reading have barely improved since 2003, a year after Mayor Michael Bloomberg took control of New York City schools and vowed to turn them around.

Results released yesterday by the National Assessment for Education Progress show that less than a quarter of eighth-grade public school students can read and do math at proficient levels.

That's only a slight jump since 2003, and the test results are stagnant from 2009, according to

Math

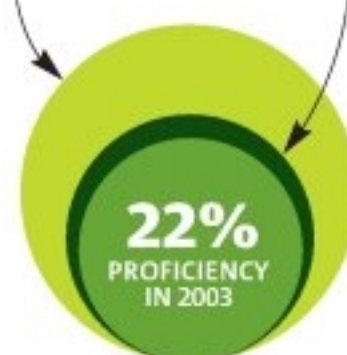
Math test scores for NYC eighth graders were only slightly improved and way below the national average. Below, by proficiency:



Reading

Eighth-grade reading scores:

24% PROFICIENCY, 2011
32% NATIONAL PROFICIENCY



the report.

"These scores are the nail in the coffin in terms of Mayor Bloomberg's education record," said Leonie Haimson, director of Class Size Matters, a public school parents' advocacy group, whose eighth-grade son attends a city school.

Bloomberg defended himself yesterday, pointing out that New York fared better than other large cities in the state. "Are we where we want to be? No," he said. "We just have to keep working."

City students continue to score lower than nation-

al averages. This year, 24 percent of eighth graders here were proficient or above in math, compared to 34 percent nationally. That same percentage of eighth graders was proficient in reading, compared to 32 percent nationally.

The Department of Education defended the results, arguing that the tests did show some improvement. For example, fourth-grade math scores proficient or above jumped up 12 percent from 2003.

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► Kelly

NYPD investigates Facebook rant

NEW YORK. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said yesterday his department is investigating comments associated with an NYPD Facebook group that criticized West Indian Day pa-

rade revelers.

Kelly said he directed the NYPD's Internal Affairs Bureau to investigate.

Internal Affairs will interview the officers and subpoena computer records if

necessary, he added.

Although officers have First Amendment rights, he said, the department can also discipline "behavior it determines to be unbecoming." ● METRO/AB



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Hundreds of bears shot dead

NEW JERSEY. More than 200 black bears have already been killed at the start of the annual black bear hunt that began this week, according to the Daily News. Officials told the paper that more than 6,500

3,400

There are 3,400 black bears in New Jersey, according to DEP estimates.

permits were issued for the six-day hunt. Officials say the hunt is necessary to curb the population, but animal activists argue that the hunts are inhumane. **● METRO/EAE**

Rapist remains at large in LIC



LONG ISLAND CITY. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn passed out fliers yesterday morning in Long Island City, showing a sketch of a rape suspect. Cops said three men attacked a woman near Vernon Boulevard and 10th Street on Sunday. Two men held the 20-year-old victim down while another raped her, according to police. **● METRO/AB**

Govt drops threat of removal

► Queens woman faced deportation under Defense of Marriage Act, even though she is married to her wife ► Case dropped this week

CRISTINA OJEDA AND MONICA ALCOTA



► Metro interviewed Cristina Ojeda, 25, and Monica Alcota, 36, earlier this year, at a time when the two feared being separated due to Alcota's risk of deportation.

An Argentine immigrant who lives in Queens with her U.S.-born wife is no longer facing the threat of deportation.

Monica Alcota and Cristina Ojeda, who legally married in 2010 in Connecticut, received word this week that the U.S. government had dropped its deportation

case after a long legal battle to get Alcota recognized as the spouse of a U.S. citizen.

When the couple heard that their case was dismissed, it marked the end of a years-long struggle that began for them in 2009. That was the year Alcota was pulled off a Greyhound bus bound for Buffalo after she could not present identification to Border Patrol officers. She was held in a detention center for the next three months.

"These have been the most horrible and stressful years of our lives and we are so happy that we can live peacefully without that burden and the fear that we may be torn apart," Ojeda told Metro.

Alcota is still fighting for a green card.

Ojeda said they will remain outspoken activists against the Defense of Marriage Act, a controversial federal law that can prevent giving a spouse in a same-sex marriage the same protections as one in straight marriage.



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Pending cases reviewed

NEW YORK. Alcota's and Ojeda's case is the first new case to be brought up since U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced a review of all pending cases nationwide, according to Lavi Soloway, the couple's attorney.

Alcota and Ojeda are also the first married lesbian couple in the country to have their case dismissed.

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News in pictures

Apple prepares for Friday rush of customers

Metro joined other news outlets for a sneak peek of the new Grand Central Apple Store, which is scheduled to open at 10 a.m. this Friday. ● METRO/EAE

- 1: The Grand Central Apple Store is one of the company's largest in the world.
- 2: Commuters on the run can take advantage of Apple's 15-minute express workshops.
- 3: The store will employ 315 people, bringing Apple's total number of employees citywide to more than 4,000.
- 4: It's located on the East Balcony of the terminal, and features an accessories room and a one-to-one lesson room in addition to the main merchandise floor.
- 5: There will be two genius bars in the new store.



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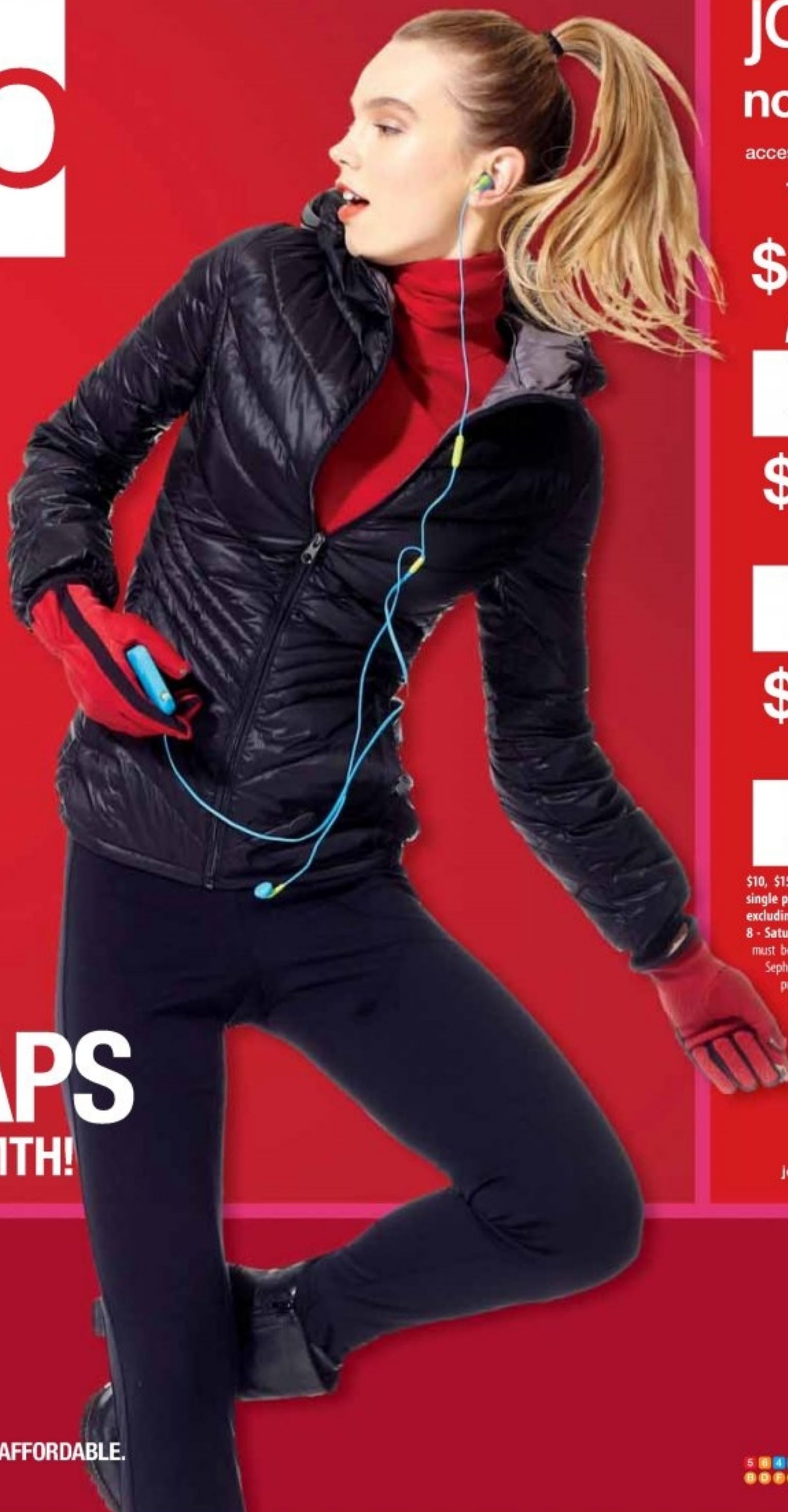
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Worst time of year for apt. hunters

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The study, which examines the health of the New York City real estate market, reports that rents are holding fairly steady city-wide, resulting in little apartment turnover and making it tough on apartment hunters seeking new places to live.

SoHo, along with Tribeca, where the average rents are \$4,980, have the fewest vacancies in the city, followed by the West Village, according to the

\$3,315

Average Manhattan apartment rent in November 2011, six percent more than 2010

report. On the flip side, Midtown West, where rents average \$3,747, had the highest vacancy rate.

November in particular was the worst month for apartment hunters in four years, the report found. And fewer landlords are now including perks, such as paying brokers' fees.



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Pearl Harbor. Dec. 7



► Survivors of the attacks, seen above wearing Hawaiian leis, laid a wreath in honor of fallen U.S. servicemen.

Honoring the fallen

Survivors of the Pearl Harbor attacks who live in the New York area laid a wreath on the deck of the USS Intrepid yesterday. Dec. 7, 2011, was the 70th anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor. ● METRO/CB

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► Some of the toys already donated will be given to nearly 400 children at a holiday party this weekend at the Brooklyn Children's Museum.

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Blago gets 14 years for corruption

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich yesterday was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison for political corruption including attempting to sell the U.S. Senate seat vacated by then president-elect Barack Obama.

Blagojevich, who turns 55 Saturday, must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence — or about 12 years.

He was convicted of seeking jobs and campaign contributions in exchange for state government action. Blagojevich, a Democrat who was ousted from office in 2009, had asked U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel for mercy, saying he was "unbelievably sorry."

Zagel said before sen-

In action

He was also convicted of attempting to shake down the head of a children's hospital to get campaign cash for authorizing an increase in doctor reimbursement fees.

tencing that he accepted Blagojevich's apology, but "it comes too late." Zagel disputed the defense theory that Blagojevich was misled by his staff.

"The governor was not marched along the criminal path by his staff," Zagel said. "He marched them — and ruined a few of their careers." **REUTERS**

Anniversary. 70 years



Honoring Pearl Harbor

U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta stands in the rain and salutes after a commemorative wreath was placed at the U.S. Navy Memorial statue in Washington yesterday on the 70th anniversary of the 1941 Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, that killed more than 2,400 U.S. servicemen.

News in brief



New charges for Sandusky

HARRISBURG, PA. Former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky, already charged with 40 counts of abusing eight boys over 15 years, was arrested at his home on Wednesday and charged with 12 new counts of sexual abuse, Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly said.

The new charges stem from allegations by two men, identified as Victim 9 and Victim 10, who testified before a grand jury

about alleged abuse by Sandusky when they were children, Kelly said in a statement. **REUTERS**

No charges for ex-'Cuse coach

SYRACUSE, NY. Former Syracuse University basketball coach Bernie Fine



cannot be charged under New York state law for allegedly fondling two ball

boys even though investigators believe the accusations to be true, District Attorney William Fitzpatrick said yesterday.

Fine cannot be charged because the statute of limitations in New York state has run out, Fitzpatrick said. It requires victims to come forward within five years of their 18th birthday.

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This year's hottest gifts — to shoplift

- Retailers expecting big losses to thieves this year
- Some unexpected targets: Steaks and razor blades

Shoplifting is not one of the ways we recommend to save money. But this year, one in every 11 shoppers will shoplift when opportunity strikes.

According to AdWeek, retailers expect to lose around \$119 billion in pilfered goods this holiday season — which is not only a five-year high, but also up 6 percent from 2010.

Experts say that the economic climate's pallor of desperation will lead to need-based shoplifting. Indeed, only 3 percent of shoplifters are "professionals" who will make a buck, while 70 percent of them

Top three thefts

- 1** Axe body sprays and washes are one of the most shoplifted products year-round.
- 2** Replacement razor blades, especially for more expensive tools such as the Gillette Mach 4, can cost up to \$23.
- 3** Let's Rock Elmo, the newest animatronic noise-generator, is one of Toys R Us's hottest toys of the season. It's going for anywhere from \$40 to \$99.

are amateurs who didn't plan their crime.

It seems like a given that iPhones are on top of this year's wish list of complimentary products, but AdWeek brings our attention to equally popular (but much more surprising!) victims of holiday theft.

Some runners-up to the top-three list (left): filet mignon, designer clothing and sneakers from brands such as Tommy Hilfiger and Nike.

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2011

Steve Jobs is miles ahead in nominations as Metro's Man of the Year. Meanwhile, Gabby Giffords and TV reporter Lara Logan received further backing yesterday. Nominations close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 9. E-mail mwoty@metro.us.

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) [dorothy.robinson@metro.us](#)

Today in awkward divorce stories

All of those A-list celebs going through divorces? Things are getting awwwkward!

First up in cringeworthy separation stories: While **Demi Moore** was having dinner with a friend at a private club in West Hollywood recently, she couldn't help noticing soon-to-be ex-husband **Ashton Kutcher** dining nearby. "She approached his table," a source tells *Us Weekly*. "He gave her a hug, and they spoke for a few minutes." The source describes the

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couple's chat as "polite" but "very awkward."

At least it wasn't as bad as what went down recently with **Jennifer Lopez** and her soon-to-be-ex-husband **Marc Anthony**. Anthony apparently refused to shoot his Latin reality TV show "Q Viva" with Lopez because of her



► Moore, Kutcher

new relationship with 24-year-old backup dancer **Casper Smart**. A source told *Star* magazine: "Marc and J.Lo had a tense conference call when she was in Morocco. Inevitably, their discussion boiled down to her new boyfriend (Smart) and Marc made the decision not to work with Jennifer last week as a result."

Call me crazy, but maybe everything can be described as "tense" when you work with someone with whom you are going through a contentious divorce.



► If you remember when the Beastie Boys dressed like this, you are probably old.

Give it away now

The announcement of the Rock and Roll of Fame's class of 2012 is a wake-up call of sorts for Generation X. The **Beastie Boys**, **Guns N' Roses** and **Red Hot Chili Peppers** all were fresh-faced in the '80s, became superstars

in the '90s and are now being crowned with legendary status — and probably making a lot of people reading this right now feel very old. Those bands are among a group of performers that also include **Laura Nyro**, **Donovan** and **The Small Faces**. The induction ceremony will take place in Cleveland in April.

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Whitney Cummings has strict holiday standards, Eddie Izzard is getting his exercise, Kathy Griffin is angling for some time with Justin Bieber and Thomas Lennon is rethinking the classics.

► **@WhitneyCummings**: The more tape you use to wrap a present the crazier you are

► **@eddieizzard**: I've now run barefoot for 6 days in a row. Feet are complaining and getting stronger at the same time

► **@kathygriffin**: Since I'm nominated for a GRAMMY 4 my comedy album "50 & NOT pregnant" don't u think my GRAMMY date should be @JustinBieber??

► **@thomaslennon**: "she's got legs and knows how to use them" is not that great of a compliment.



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Talking points

Baldwin doesn't fly the friendly skies

Alec Baldwin claims he was kicked off an American Airlines flight for playing the Scrabble-like game Words with Friends on his phone. "Flight attendant on American reamed me out [for] playing [Words with Friends] while we sat at the gate, not moving," the actor posted to Twitter. Baldwin was eventually removed from the plane and



► Baldwin

forced to take another flight. But some sources say it wasn't as simple as all that. Other passengers claim Baldwin was also talking on the phone, and he reportedly became "violent and aggressive" toward the airline staff, according to *Hollyscoop*.



► Lohan

Lohan to talk to Ellen

Lindsay Lohan is looking to unveil her *Playboy* spread on daytime television, as she's chosen **Ellen DeGeneres'** show for her only magazine-related interview, according to



► Downey

Hollyscoop. "Lindsay has agreed to do one media interview and has chosen Ellen," a spokesman for the magazine says.

Downey can't shut his trap

Robert Downey Jr. and his wife, **Susan Downey**, are going to be welcoming a son early next year. "We're having a boy," the star tells Jay Leno during an interview. But that's about all he's allowed to say, he admits: "I am not permitted to discuss it. I keep dropping the ball everywhere," he explains. "[Susan] says, 'Don't tell your cousins,' and then I tell them." Downey adds that he doesn't see another go at fatherhood doing anything to cool the hot streak his career's been on. "Life is good. Maybe I ought to think about slowing down a little. But I can't see that happening in the short term," he says.



Why should women have all the fun in the spotlight?

1. Wiz Khalifa and Snoop Dogg performed at the Electric Factory in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

2. Matt Damon greeted his fans as he left the "Late Show With David Letterman" at the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City on Tuesday.

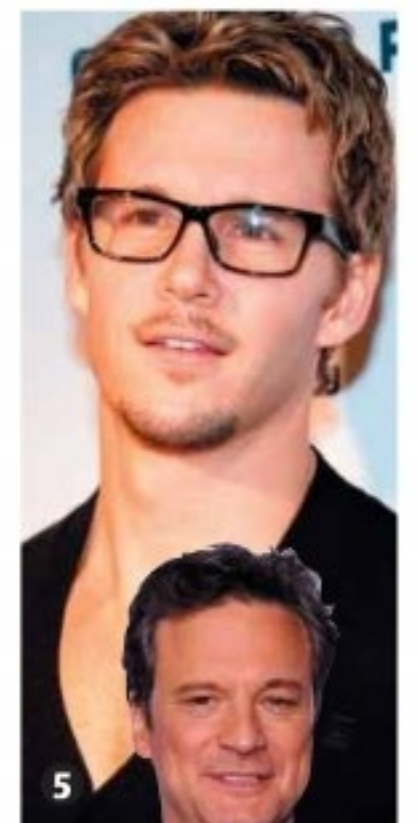
3. Will Smith attended the 2011 Holiday in the Hangar to benefit the Garden of Dreams Foundation at Delta Terminal 2 at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City on Tuesday.

4. Yankees veteran Derek Jeter attended the launch of the Limited Edition Movado BOLD Watch at the Bloomingdale's in New York City on Tuesday.

5. "True Blood" star Ryan Kwanten (nice glasses!) attended the G-Star Los Angeles Denim Store Opening at the G-Star Rodeo Drive Store in Beverly Hills on Tuesday.

6. Colin Firth attended the premiere of "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" at the Arclight Cinerama Dome in Hollywood, Calif., on Tuesday. The film, which was nominated for a Golden Lion at this year's Venice Film Festival, is due this Friday.

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- ▶ U'VE GOT MY HEART MUHAMMAD J 143 Aisha!

Siggy Flicker wants to help you find love

- ▶ Looking for a date to bring to all those holiday parties this year?
- ▶ Matchmaker Siggy Flicker of VH1's 'Why Am I Still Single?!' has advice

Siggy Flicker knows there's another popular TV matchmaker out there, but she'll be the first to tell you that that's where their similarities end.

"I am the opposite of the Millionaire Matchmaker," Flicker, the star of VH1's "Why Am I Still Single?!" says. "She annoys the hell out of me. First off, I was married to a millionaire. I left all that behind [when I] got divorced in search of chemistry and love. And I found it with a car salesman. I don't believe in [excluding love] to just the Millionaire's Club. There's



▶ Siggy Flicker's "Why Am I Still Single?!" airs Sundays at 11 p.m. on VH1.

nothing more than important than chemistry, and if you're gonna limit yourself on who you love by judging the size of his wallet, you're gonna end up single for a very long time — which is why the Millionaire Matchmaker is still single."

We got Flicker's top tips for meeting the man or woman of your dreams.

▶ **Be open to love:** "If you watch somebody walking out of an office building today, they're usually on their iPod, on their cell phone, on their BlackBerry — I say first of all, look up. There is no specific place to meet somebody. Stand tall and open up your eyes to your surroundings. It's all about the energy you're giving off."

▶ **Break your routine:** "Go out at least twice a week. It should be more important than your full time job. What's more important,

money or love? I say love. So twice a week, go out. It doesn't have to be to a bar — a bar is my least [recommended choice]. Get out of the bubble."

▶ **Let go of unrealistic expectations:** "Nobody's ever come to me and said, 'Siggy, can you set me up with a fat slob who sits on the couch and doesn't work?'" says Flicker. "We all want the same thing, but when you limit yourself to what the physicality of somebody is, you're shutting so many doors. I went on date after date until I found the lid to my pot, which turned out to be a bald car salesman who I'm in love with."

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Praying with their legs

► Choreographer Martha Clarke and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Alfred Uhry study self-denial and erotic energy in the new 'Angel Reapers'

The Shaker sect, founded in England in the 18th century and transplanted to New England, has inspired many dance artists, from Doris Humphrey to the Finnish Tero Saarinen. Now Martha Clarke and playwright Alfred Uhry have transformed a handful of Shaker hymns into "Angel Reapers," an hour-long dance-drama both illuminating and heartbreaking.

"Mother" Ann Lee (actress Birgit Huppuch) and 10 of her followers sing and speak and whirl and tremble, collapsing time and foregrounding the emotional agony that accompanies constant self-denial. On the Joyce stage, set with 11 ladder-back chairs, they meet together to testify, recite the house rules and "shake," channeling their erotic energy into exhausting dances.

The piece is as much a poem as a play or a dance; we watch warily as repression gives way to eruptions of passion, as men in black suits and hats take off their clothes, revealing their abil-



► "Angel Reapers" is on stage at the Joyce through Sunday.

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ity to control their "stiff." Other members of the sect resist efforts at control. Luke Murphy and Isadora Wolfe play two orphans who grow to love and desire each other. They succumb to their urges in the middle of the stage, while the praying and singing continue all around them.

That such simple material can be concentrated to

such powerful effect is a testament to the skills of Clarke and Uhry, both award-winning theater artists, and to music director Arthur Solari, who coaxes from this group of dancers harmonies the Shakers probably never imagined.

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TV watch list



'Community'

COMEDY. When the study group is recruited by the school's choir director to sing in their holiday show, those pop-culture nerds turn the op-

portunity into a lampooning of "Glee." 8 p.m., NBC

'Wipeout'

GAME SHOW. Totally eating it on a giant rubber ball seems just a little less painful when said ball is all decked out for the holidays on tonight's very merry "Wipeout." 8 p.m., ABC

'The Office'

COMEDY. Andy, overcome by the holiday spirit, tries to grant everyone's wishes. Which will inevitably turn awkward if/when Dwight wishes Andy out of the manager position. 9 p.m., NBC

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10 Reasons to go to the movies

Must-see



▶ Jon Bon Jovi and Lea Michele rock out in "New Year's Eve."

1 'New Year's Eve'
The director that brought you the ensemble comedy "Valentine's Day"

last year turns his eye toward the night that everyone is inevitably disappointed by. **METRO**

2 'The Sitter'
Jonah Hill stars as Noah, a college dropout who gets suckered into babysitting three unruly kids. Mayhem ensues when Noah attempts to score some cocaine for his casual hookup, played by Ari Graynor.

3 'Shame'
In artist-turned-director Steve McQueen's second film, Michael Fassbender plays a sex addict who has no trouble seeking out ways to satisfy his lusts — until his sister drops in for an extended stay.

4 'The Muppets'
The Muppets reunite to save the old studio that was home to the show that brought them fame. New pal, super fan and fellow Muppet Walter helps the gang come together to fight the power.

5 'Arthur Christmas'
Just how does Santa get all those presents delivered in one night? With a S.W.A.T. team of elves of course! "Arthur Christmas" answers all the burning questions you've ever had about Claus and the gang.

6 'Hugo'
Martin Scorsese's venture into family film makes sense

when you realize it's primarily about real-life filmmaker Georges Méliès and his life after creating some of the first films ever made.

7 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1'
All eyes are on Mr. and Mrs. Cullen as mortal Bella and vampire Edward tie the knot and, you know, "break a headboard."

8 'Happy Feet Two'
The dancing penguins are back with an impressive list of celebrities giving voice to those little folks who are trying to stave off a threat to their home.

9 'The Descendants'
George Clooney is a Hawaiian land baron coping with his wife's comatose state after a water-skiing accident. As he takes on the parental duties, he also finds out shocking details of his wife's secret life.

10 'Immortals'
The man behind one of the two new Snow White remakes, Tarsem Singh, has a fun romp on his hands with this tale of a man (Henry Cavill) chosen by Zeus to fight against King Hyperion's quest to find a weapon of mass destruction.

Party time

▶ 'Tis the season to embrace sequins and shine!
▶ Say so-long to the end of year in one of these festive frocks



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Office parties are tricky affairs — you want to let your hair down, but still mind the fact that the higher-ups are watching. We check in with Rebecca Taylor, a master at stylish, ladylike looks, for her input on the perfect outfit for the night. **TINA CHADHA**



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"I think for the office party, women should just dress fun — but not too sexy. A jumpsuit is really comfortable, chic and feminine. I love this navy one [right]. I'd pair it with really high Mary Janes or leopard-print booties, a little leather motorcycle jacket and stacks of jewelry." **REBECCA TAYLOR**



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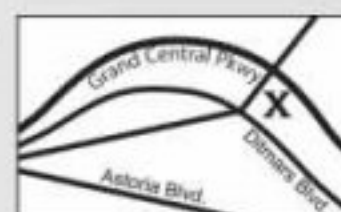
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DAVID M. DE SANTO, VIA E-MAIL

Shame on Metro for not mentioning one single word in today's print and online edition about the

70th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It seems that people like Alec Baldwin, Lady Gaga and Jessica Simpson are viewed by your staff as being more important than the men and women of our armed forces.

GEORGE H. CLOSS, NEW YORK

Min. wage is unsustainable

RE: "UNEMPLOYED? HERE'S WHY ...": Mr. Haugen claims the current minimum wage, a grand \$7.25 per hour, "has simply made it too expensive for employers to hire people." I have to presume

this is satire, as that is the single most ridiculous thing I've read outside of the daily comic strips.

JOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE

You know all these people talking about minimum wage are not being paid minimum wage! Before you can talk that talk, you got to walk that walk, which I know — and you know — you can't. You wouldn't be able to pay rent and buy food and clothes getting paid like that. People like to be paid according to the middle class way of living and you can't do that on minimum wage!

WILLIAM DIXON, VIA E-MAIL

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We do not all love Sir Lucas

RE: "WE ARE ALL MADE OF SAME STUFF": However, some of us think the first Star Wars trilogy is given way too much credit.

NICK CANTON, VIA E-MAIL

Super solution to nation's debt

Too bad the government doesn't refinance their debt. The interest per year right now on \$15 trillion-plus is \$452 billion. Why not refinance with the Federal Reserve at .01 percent, the same rate the Federal Reserve is giving its best customers the banks? That's a savings of \$450 billion per year — \$4.5 trillion over 10 years. Gee why didn't the super committee think of that one? DAVID SNECKUS, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♈ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Tried and true procedures may not be the best ones to follow any longer. If you hear about something better, don't hesitate to discard old ideas in favor of new thinking.

♎ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. You're likely to be more effective later in the day, after you've had time to study an important matter, than you will be in the early hours.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. If your early efforts fail to bring you the success you're seeking, don't be a quitter — try, try again. Perseverance can really pay off.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. There is a good chance that the advice you get from your mate might be vastly superior to any counsel you receive from outsiders, even from those who have impressive credentials.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Agreeing to do something for another merely to get that person to do something for you in return could be an exercise in futility.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. The only consideration you should have is to make sure you're moving in a positive direction. Even small gains can be good, as long as they get you closer to your goal.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. Be sure you have all the facts and figures at hand before defending an unfamiliar position. If you don't readily have them at your disposal, wait until you do to take action.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. There is nothing wrong with curiosity, because it does have its place when employed constructively. However, don't misuse it by prying onto somebody else's private affairs.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Instead of paying for needed services or advice, first try to figure things out for yourself. If you probe a little, you may find that you already have the answers at your disposal.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Adhere to proven procedures and methods in all work-related matters. Experimenting with unproven or untried procedures could be a career hazard.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Don't hesitate to warn a friend about someone who does not have his or her best interests at heart, even if the adversary is likely to hear about it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. If you've made a commitment you now regret, try to rectify it immediately instead of disappointing the other party at the time when you're expected to honor your pledge.

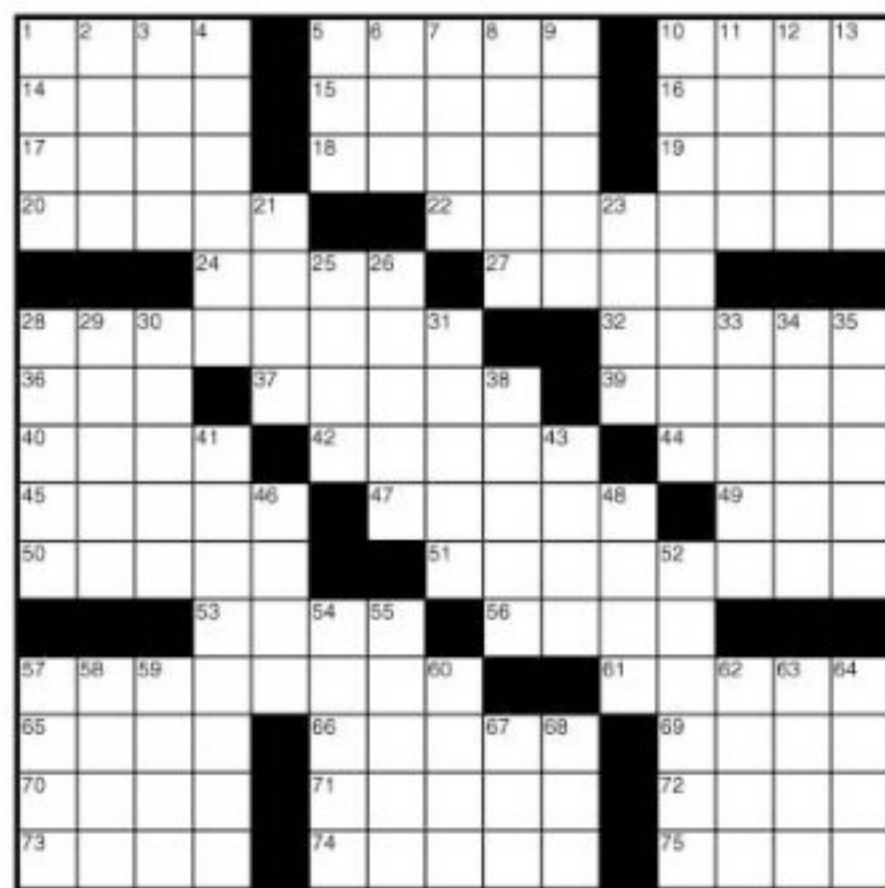
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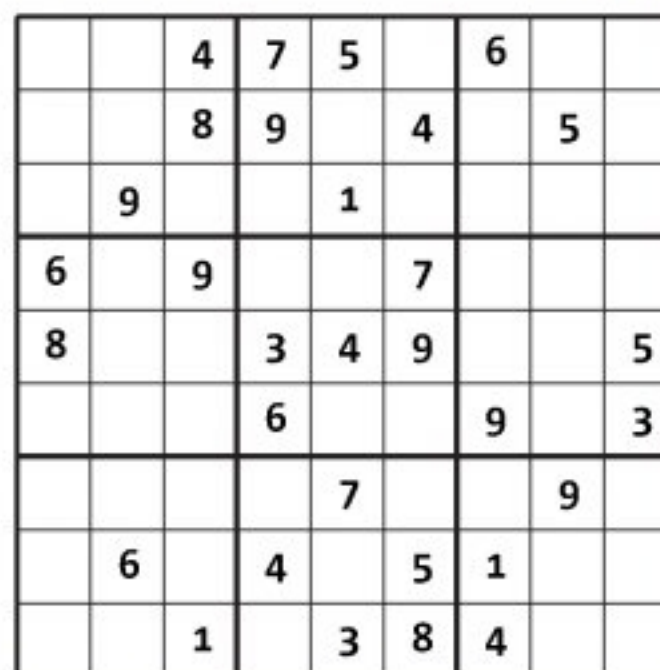
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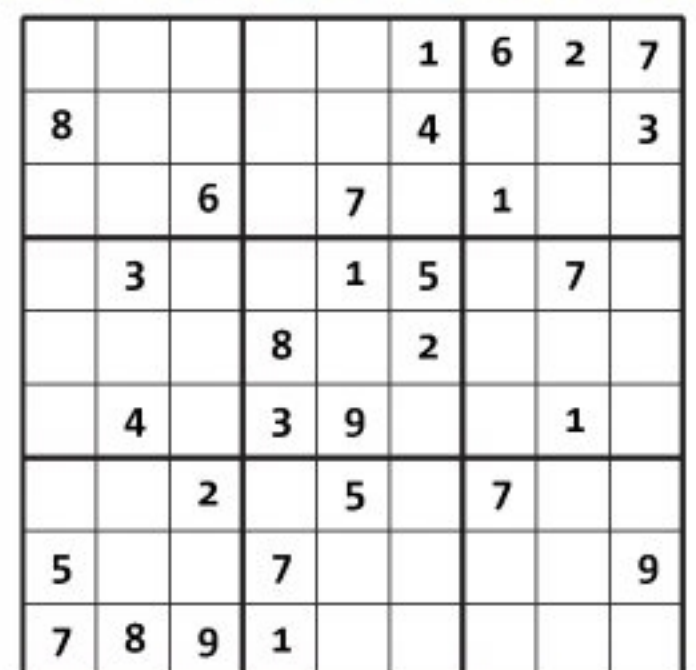


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Classy bling

Dress up a black dress or that boring gray sweatshirt.
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1. It matches her shoes. **Jimmy Choo Sequin iPad Case, \$495,** www.saks.com

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3. This is party season, after all. **BabyPhat Crop Sequin Jacket, \$70,** www.babyphat.com

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6. You can't pull off a meat dress, but these you can definitely do. **Gaga's Workshop Limited Edition Nail Tips by Kiss, \$45,** www.gagasworkshop.com

7. They had us at martini. The glowing effect of this gold and silver powder is just a bonus. **Bobbi Brown Party Shimmer Brick, \$40,** www.bobbibrown.com

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3. An updated edition of the Italian cooking bible. **The Silver Spoon**, \$50, www.phaidon.com

5. Play a part in her new healthy lifestyle by sending a six-pack of fresh-pressed juices. **Healing Cooler**, \$60, www.healingcooler.com

6. Your bookish girlfriend will love these notebooks that borrow iconic covers from classics such as "Pride and Prejudice" and "The Great Gatsby." **Notebook**, \$8-\$16, www.outofprintclothing.com

7. Red lips: a must this season. **Burberry Lip Glow in Ruby**

No. 16, \$24, www.saks.com

8. She can serve Jell-O in these, and people would still be impressed. **C. Wonder Ikat Bowl**, \$8, www.cwonder.com

9. She can store jewelry in this keepsake wooden box way after the gorgeous glosses are done. **Nars Kudoki Kabuki Mini Lip Coffret**, \$125, www.narscosmetics.com

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3. Your cat-obsessed friend's "downtime" at work just got a lot more fun. **"The Sims 3 Pets"**, \$40, www.thesims.com

4. Expect to see her in these babies a lot. **Forever 21 Leopard Ankle Boots**, \$28, www.forever21.com

5. Old school meets high-tech with iHome's new boombox shell stereo for the iPhone or iPod. **iHome iP4 Portable FM Stereo Boombox**, \$200, www.ihomeaudio.com

6. Our new favorite stocking stuffer. **Urban Decay Urban Lash**, \$15, www.macy.com

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6. MAC's brilliant Ice Parade holiday compacts double as shakeable snowglobes. **Snowglobe Eye Shadows**, \$38, www.maccosmetics.com

7. She'd never wear a fur, but this regal stole she can get behind. **Topshop Faux Fur Stole**, \$100, www.us.topshop.com

8. She'll be chic even when traveling in sweatpants. **Voyageur Garment Pack**, \$95, www.tumi.com

9. It's festive times two with this sparkling duo. **Deborah Lippmann Nail Lacquer and Juicy Couture Hand Warmer Gift Set**, \$68, www.juicycouture.com



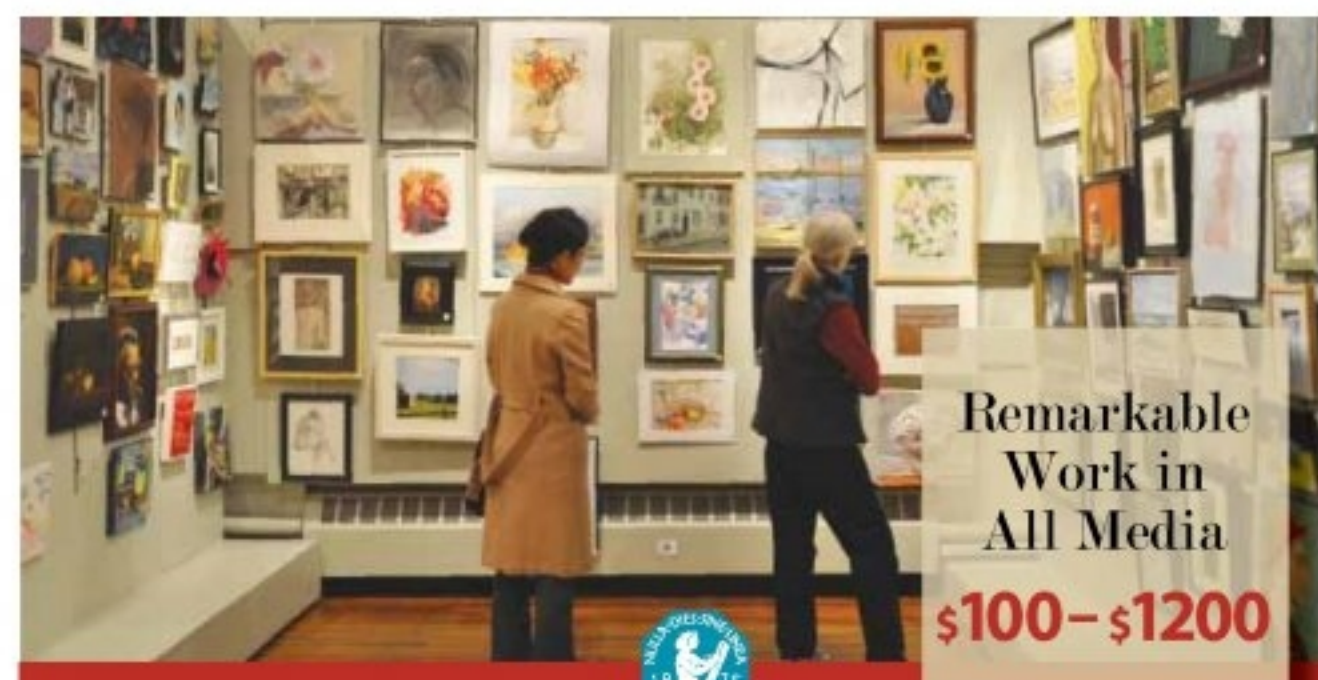
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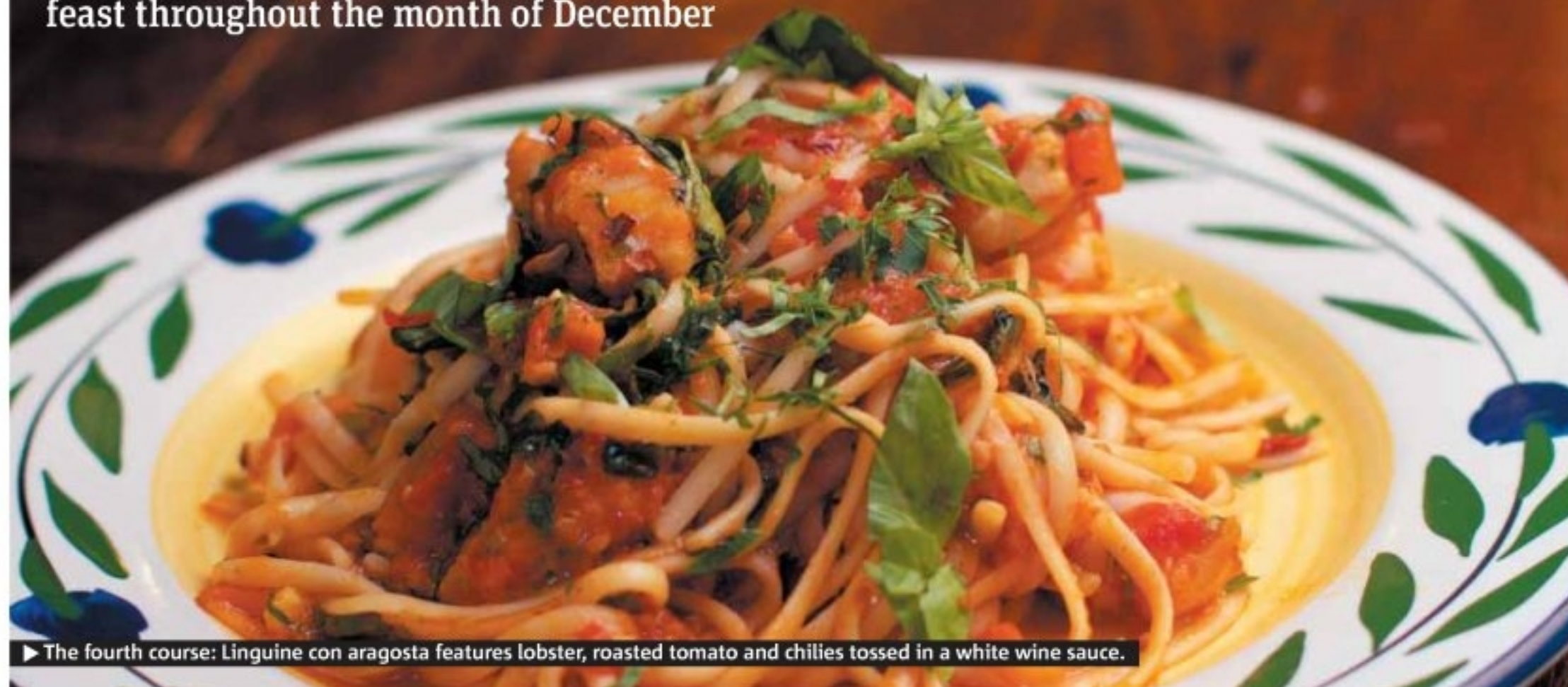
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There are seven reasons to head out to dinner this holiday season and they are all of the fishy variety. At La Bottega trattoria inside the Maritime Hotel, take part in the traditional Feast of the Seven Fishes and embrace your inner Italian.

The feast, or "festività dei sette pesci" as the Ital-

If you go

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ians call it, stems from the Roman Catholic tradition of eating seafood on Christmas Eve (no meat al-

lowed). The spread usually features some combination of shrimp, scallops, octopus, squid, cuddle fish or cod, clams, eels and mussels. Many Italian families get together the week before the feast to clean the fish by hand and on Christmas Eve, the garage is transformed into a giant fish-frying station manned by a tipsy family member

holding a glass of red wine in one hand and a frying basket in the other.

La Bottega, though, has a much more gourmet take on the Seven Fishes — one that will impress even the most discerning palate. From crab ravioli in seafood broth to pan seared scallops with caramelized Brussels sprouts, this nine-course feast (two desserts!) will

surely put you in the holiday spirit. The stand-out dish is Insalata di Mare, a medley of marinated seafood, thinly sliced red onion and celery tossed in lemon thyme vinaigrette. Enjoy it throughout December (and even on Christmas Eve!) for \$75 a person.

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Team spirits: Why drinking locally matters

► Sustainable drinking — it's not just about the old college wisdom of 'liquor then beer, in the clear'
► We talked to bartender Michael Neff about some of his favorite locally-distilled spirits ► Our picks

As the slow food movement gains momentum, locavores are turning their attention from the kitchen to the bar. If you think that's going too far, consider the amount of fuel spent on importing bottles. Also, drinking locally supports the local economy — if you're going to pay up to \$15 for a cocktail, it's good to know that some of that will trickle down to producers in your state.

In the last 10 years, New York has seen a boom in craft distillers, with many using local grains (see sidebar). Michael Neff of The Rum House at the Hotel Edison praises this generation of distillers as "introducing flavor profiles that we've never had before."

Of these, he names Delaware Phoenix Distillery as a favorite. Of the 500 spirits he stocks, this is one of the few for which he's on a first-name basis with the



► Locally-sourced Sazeracs at The Rum House at Edison Hotel

REBECCA FINKEL

distiller, Cheryl Lins. Lins uses New York-grown grains and water from local wells to craft a number of spirits, including a white rye and award-winning absinthe. "She does everything herself," Neff tells me. "And when I say everything, I mean distilling to delivery."

Neff poured a taste of her Walton Waters absinthe. The flavors came in gentle waves: bright herbs fol-

lowed by rich anise, finishing with a distinct lemon thyme pop. Mixed with Tuthilltown Spirits' Hudson Manhattan Rye, it made an exceptional Sazerac. "People from all different backgrounds are starting to make new things," he says, "And that's how we progress from an industry to an art form."

REBECCA FINKEL
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Our picks for drinking locally

► **White Manhattan** at Marlow and Sons (marlowandsons.com): Kings County Corn Whiskey gives this urbane cocktail an Appalachian twang.

► **Brooklyn Gin & Tonic** at Thistle Hill Tavern (thistlehillbrooklyn.com): A G&T showcasing Gowanus-made Breuckelen Gin.

► **Sazerac** at Ward III (ward3tribeca.com) or The Rum House (edisonrumhouse.com): Walton Waters absinthe adds sparkle to a classic.

► **Breukelen Pimm's Cup** at B61 (almarestaurant.com): Wrap your stiff upper lip around a blend of Breukelen Gin and England's Pimm's No. 1.

► **Not into the hard stuff?** Order a beer from local breweries

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Produced by Kelly Anderson, "My Brooklyn" chronicles the dramatic changes that have occurred in Brooklyn over the past 10 years, particularly



► Allow your children to get creative while having fun building their own gingerbread house at Jumeirah Essex House.

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Must-do

► **Build Your Own Gingerbread House**
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changes occurring in and around the Fulton Mall, and shows how these changes are fueled by an obsession with upscale, urban environments. The film touches on the historic neighborhood character that has been lost thanks to relentless upgrades and construction.

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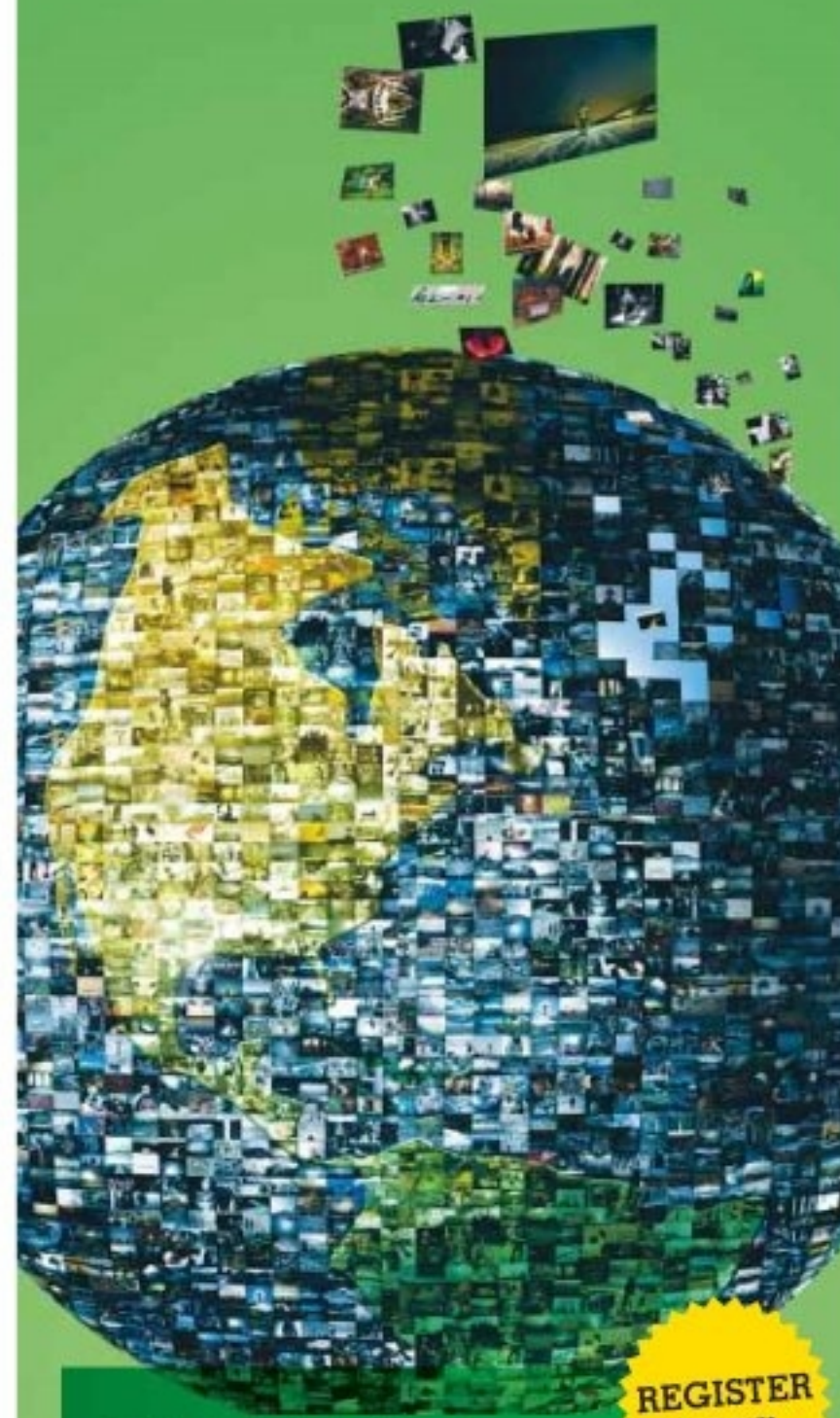
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Ellen Robbins: Dances by Very Young Choreographers

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Just what kind of dances would students between the ages of 8 and 18 create? Attend this showcase of Ellen Robbins students, who both create and dance the pieces, this weekend. ● METRO/NL



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'Go ahead and let it out'

► While making 'Girl Walk: All Day' the director of the improvisational musical says there were a few indifferent commuters and instances of 'scaring people,' but it's hard for us to have either reaction while watching the film



► Anne Marsen leaps to the occasion.

COURTESY OF JACOB KRUPNICK

If you're reading this while doing your daily commute, there's a good chance you're in the film, "Girl Walk: All Day." Do you perhaps recall a girl in a dorkily iconic windbreaker dancing up to you in a joyfully confrontational way in the past year? Maybe you remember a sharp-dressed tap dancer interrupting your mundane routine?

Regardless of whether or not you're among the thousands of extras, you're sure to see something of yourself as a New Yorker in this film, which premieres tonight.

What exactly is "Girl Walk"? Remember how giddy you got the first time you heard Girl Talk, the mash-up artist who simultaneously samples dozens of disparate artists to make a big stew of sound that you can dance to? Well, this is the visual equivalent. Performers who have mastered several dance forms leap, tap, groove and robot dance all over Manhattan to Girl

If you go

'Girl Walk: All Day'
Tonight, 9
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www.kickstarter.com/rsvp

Talk's 2010 masterpiece, "All Day." It's a music video that clocks in at more than an hour. It is a musical. It is art that was inspired by art that was inspired by other art. It is a lot of things.

Director Jacob Krupnick says when he began filming Anne Marsen, the aforementioned girl in the dorky pastel jacket, dancing across the city, he wasn't sure how the unintentional extras would act.

"About 99 percent of the reaction we elicited was disinterest, which was not totally expected but we used it to effect," he says. "As we started filming more and more days, we realized we

weren't really going to get almost any reaction. Then we started to alter the story a bit to accommodate that."

That's right, he said "story." Although the Girl Talk album wasn't initially conceived as a concept album, "Girl Walk" uses it to tell a tale of a frustrated ballerina who breaks out of her routine and eventually falls in love, all against the backdrop of everybody else going about their routines.

"There were very few issues with security guards, but very little intervention on the whole," says Krupnick. "At Yankee Stadium, Anne was snatched and booted after jumping up on the railing. ... When she was escorted out — which we have on film — the officer says, 'You can't do that.' And she says, 'Why not?' And he says, 'You're scaring people' — which is sort of the perfect answer."



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'Jump on Stage'

"Girl Walk" is very much of its time. Not only does it use Gregg Gillis' hyper audio pastiche as its soundtrack and apply a dash of flash mob mental-

ity to the process, but the film was entirely funded via the Kickstarter.com website. There is at least one thing that's timeless about tonight's event though. Following the screening is a dance party! "From the beginning

we knew we wanted to use the energy that would be building during the film to boomerang people's excitement to hopefully get them moving in wonderfully self-conscious ways," says Krupnick.

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Restaurant news & notes

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Toast to Haru's anniversary with new cocktail

Haru is toasting to its 15th anniversary with the debut of its new Lucy in the Sky with Crystals cocktail. The celebratory sip is a mix of Bacardi Dragonberry, Svedka Citron, strawberry puree, lemonade, and yuzu juice and is garnished with a "crystal" rock-candy lollipop. It's available for \$7.50 during Haru's popular "Sake Hour" (available at their Gramercy Park, Park Avenue, Wall Street and Broadway locations), where you can try



► Hand-rolled garganelli is one of Jim Burke's specialties at Caffè Storico, which opens this weekend.



► Haru's Lucy in the Sky with Crystals cocktail

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Caffè Storico opens this weekend at New York Historical Society

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Rolle takes lead in homestretch

The Giants began their preparation for the ultra-important Sunday night game against the Cowboys with a determination to not let the four-game slide envelop their spirits.

The rallying cry within



the locker room since the last-second loss to the world champion Packers is "by any means necessary." And the leader of the brigade is the loquacious Antrel Rolle.

"We just have to find a way to win [because] we

control our own destiny," said Rolle. "Like Tim Tebow going out there and finding a way to win; we have to find a way to win."

Sweep the Cowboys and the Giants will have done the improbable.

"This is obviously a big game, in Dallas, for first place in the division," Tom Coughlin said. "Everything that we wanted to achieve at the very beginning of the season, it's still there."

● TONY WILLIAMS

Jonesing for a return

► Thomas Jones returns to New York this weekend with Chiefs ► Running back brought big-time leadership to developing Jets squad ► Jones: 'I still wanted to play in New York'

In the news



Marlins sign SP Buehrle

They've added enough offense, so it was time for some pitching.

The Miami Marlins reportedly agreed to a four-year, \$58 million deal with former White Sox lefty Mark Buehrle yesterday.

Buehrle has a career record of 161-119 with a 3.83 ERA in his 11-year career, all with Chicago.

He will be reunited with former manager Ozzie Guillen.

Moore will stay with Jets

The Jets made a move to bolster their offense yesterday, but it wasn't a roster addition.

Instead, the Jets brought out Tom Moore, with head coach Rex Ryan, to announce the former Colts offensive coordinator "will be with us for the rest of the season."

"He's one of the best offensive minds in football, best minds I've really been around," Mark Sanchez said. "He just has a different way of saying things, a way of keeping you calm."

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When Thomas Jones left the Jets for the Chiefs following the 2009 season, his old team lost more than just a running back who rushed for more than 1,400 yards and 14 touchdowns. They lost an example, a leader and a self-described "perfectionist."

Jones was notorious for his quiet work ethic around the Jets' training facility, a player who embodied the cliché "the first one in and the last one to leave."

"He was a big-time leader for this team during his time here. I wish he wouldn't have left, wish we still had him as a teammate. We understand how business is," cornerback Darrelle Revis said. "I'm sure he's probably giving our leadership to those guys in Kansas City."

His career is one of the best of his generation. With more than 10,000



► Jones rushed for 3,833 yards and 28 TDs with the Jets, more than with any other team.

rushing yards and 68 touchdowns in his 12-year career, Jones and current Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson are the only active players with

10,000 rushing yards.

"I still wanted to play in New York. I didn't want to leave," Jones said. "Physically I feel great. I'm still training really hard, tak-

ing care of my body. I still love the game. I have a passion for the game."

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Reyes: 'Mets did not want me there'

Jose Reyes, complete with new garish Miami uniform, was officially introduced at a press conference yesterday.

But it wasn't his comments about his new team that stood out.

"I always said I wanted to stay in New York, but that don't happen," Reyes said. "Like I said, I



need to move on. They don't offer anything really. They don't make a real offer. They don't want me there."

The offer Reyes was referring to was a contract offer, which the Mets apparently didn't even bother to make, something confirmed by Mets general manager Sandy Alderson.

"Now it's all about the Miami Marlins," Reyes said. ● METRO

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In like Flynn

Aaron Rodgers isn't the only talented quarterback on the Packers' roster. If A-Rod were to go down, backup **Matt Flynn** would be a top-10 fantasy option with those weapons at his disposal. Also, I'd make sure to back up **Greg Jennings** and **Jordy Nelson** with **James Jones**.



Top NFL pickups

Behind the Hill

Shaun Hill is another backup quarterback set up well for production if called upon. If you own **Matthew Stafford**, you should own Hill. **Michael Vick** owners already saw the need for **Vince Young**.

Back the backs

Handcuffing can save a season. **Arian Foster** owners that didn't have **Ben Tate** to start the year struggled. If you lost **Darren McFadden** and didn't have **Michael Bush**, you're likely in a freefall. **C.J. Spiller's** big-play ability is softening the blow to those that owned **Fred Jackson**. Be sure you're protected at the running back spot as we head into the playoffs.



Aaron Rodgers owners should roster Matt Flynn for the playoffs.

Malcom Floyd

WR, Chargers
Floyd's hip is healthy and the Chargers have three straight games in plus weather.

Marion Barber

RB, Bears
With Matt Forte (knee) out, Barber will get most of the early-down work and all the goal-line chances.

Golden Tate

WR, Seahawks
Tate has stepped up in the absence of Sidney Rice, quickly becoming a favorite of the coaches.

Hoops is back

Here are three breakout candidates to target as hoops drafts get going:

1 Jared Dudley, G/F, PHX

As the Suns' long-term starter on the wing, at least 2.0 treys and 2.0 steals per game is within reach.



2 DeAndre Jordan, C, LAC

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3 J.J. Redick, SG, ORL

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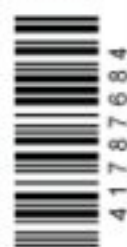
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